

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

Initially the undersigned would like to acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 2, 5, and 6 as set forth on Page 5 of the examiner's action. Dependent claims 2 and 6 have been presented as new independent claims 11 and 12. Claims 11 and 12 have been drafted so as to overcome the rejection raised by the examiner under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11 and 12 are now in condition for allowance.

By the instant amendment, Applicant has amended previously submitted independent claim 1 in light of the rejection raised by the examiner on Page 2 of his office action. It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 as amended and the claims which depend therefrom patentably define over the previously cited and applied prior art references.

Independent claim 1 now sets forth the following:

"...a metering device (44, 45), which comprises at least one shaft opening (46, 47) and which, by means of an actuator (130), is rotatable and/or longitudinally movable between a rest position, in which the metering shaft tightly seals the outlet opening (20) and at least one working position, in which the at least one shaft opening (46, 47) connects the adhesive reservoir (50) with the outlet opening (20)..."

The prior art references cited and applied by the examiner fail to teach, disclose, suggest or render obvious the details of the metering device as now set forth in amended independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and the claims which depend therefrom patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it
is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit
Account No. 02-0184.

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